

to deny that they had inspired the articles in the press, whereupon I laughed and told him not to bother about denying it because I had not minded in the least. He then laughed too, and said that he had become sorry that the articles were ever published, and had not personally approved of their being published. The Austrian Ambassador in Berlin was very anxious to see me and was wholly unable to resist asking whether I had spoken to the Emperor and the Foreign Office about peace and disarmament; so I replied by asking him whether the publication in question had been made by him prior to communicating the matters to the German Foreign Office, or by the German Foreign Office after he had communicated my conversation with his chief; and I added that I did not mind in the least, that while I thought the publication in the papers unnecessary, it had given me the chance to say what I had to say, a chance which otherwise I probably would not have had. He nearly choked in trying to invent some appropriate remark in response; but failed.

From Vienna I went to Paris, where I joined Mrs. Roosevelt at the Bacons'. Bacon, old college friend of mine, was then, and is now, Ambassador to Paris. He and his wife are dear people, and staying with them was an oasis in a desert of hurry and confusion. I thoroughly enjoyed my visit to Paris, but by the end I began to feel jaded. Jusserand had come across the ocean to meet me. We are very fond of him. Frenchmen, thank heavens! do

understand a liking  
for the things in life that are most interesting,  
and though  
official deputations accompanied me round to  
the three or  
four museums or picture galleries which I  
insisted on visit-  
ing, the officials differed markedly from the  
corresponding  
type in most other countries and were pleasant  
companions.

The Eoyalist press, being Catholic, was  
inclined to receive  
me coldly because of the Vatican incident, but  
my Sorbonne  
speech delighted them; and, curiously enough,  
it also de-  
lighted the Eepublicans who were getting very  
uneasy over  
the Socialist propaganda, or at least over the  
mob work  
and general sinister destruction in which  
Socialist propa-